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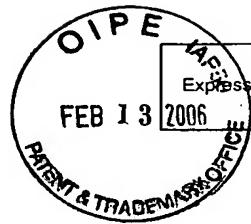
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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, entry of the below amendments, consideration of the remarks provided, and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

The following sections of this Reply begin on the following pages as indicated below:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper; and

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.